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FOR: BACKLIGHT, BACKLIGHT :
DRIVE DEVICE AND DISPLAY
DEVICE

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181(A)(3)

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicant herein petitions the Commissioner in order to obtain consideration and acknowledgment on the record of the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on February 26, 2007.

The noted IDS was filed in conformity with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98. Nevertheless, the Office Action dated May 17, 2007 indicated that neither Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-203925 nor Japanese Patent Publication No. 64-29708 were considered on the grounds that the Information Disclosure Statement did not include a explanation of the relevance of these particular references as required by 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-203925 and Japanese Patent Publication No. 64-29708 were cited in a Japanese Office Action. These references were properly filed together with the Japanese Patent Office Action and an English language translation of the Japanese Patent

Office Action in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). In particular MPEP § 609.04(a)III states that:

Where the information listed is not in the English language, but was cited in a search report or other action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance can be satisfied by submitting an English-language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. This may be an explanation of which portion of the reference is particularly relevant, to which claims it applies, or merely an “X”, “Y”, or “A” indication on a search report.

Therefore, the English language translation of the Japanese Patent Office Action that was submitted with the IDS filed February 26, 2007 satisfies the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-203925 and Japanese Patent Publication No. 64-29708. All of the documents relating to the IDS filed on February 26, 2007 are available for download on the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system that is located on the U.S. Patent and Trademark website.

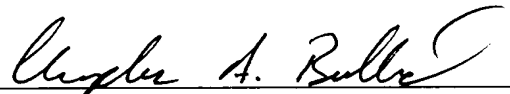
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner acknowledge consideration of Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-203925 and Japanese Patent Publication No. 64-29708 by initialing the PTO 1449 form attached to the IDS filed February 26, 2007, and make the initialed PTO 1449 form of record.

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Although Applicant does not believe that any fee is required for the present petition,
any required fee should be charged the undersigned attorneys account no. 15-0030.

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